

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A cosmetic bandage comprising:  
a transparent backing layer having a top side and a bottom side;  
a transparent adhesive layer applied to the bottom side of the transparent backing layer;  
an absorbent pad having a bottom side and a top side, the top having a non-toxic pigmented composition applied to it so as to be derma matching and having a melanin likeness and appearance so as to substantially match human skin tones and colors, the top side of the absorbent pad being attached to the bottom side of said backing layer so as to be visible therethrough; and  
at least one removable strip applied to the bottom side of said backing layer and said pad.
2. (original) The bandage of claim 1 wherein the adhesive is pressure sensitive.

3. (original) The bandage of claim 2 further including a plurality of removable strips.
4. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigmented portion comprises a plurality of pigments blended to provide skin matching capability.
5. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigments are imbedded in the pad.
6. (original) The bandage of claim 3 wherein the pigments are coated on the pad.
7. (currently amended) A method of constructing a cosmetic bandage comprising:  
  
forming an absorbent pad having a bottom side and a top side;  
applying a non-toxic pigment to the top ~~and bottom sides~~ side of the pad;  
and attaching the pigmented top side of the pad to a transparent backing layer.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 further including the step of applying an adhesive to the backing layer prior to attaching the pad.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 including the step of providing a removable and disposable strip over the adhesive layer.
10. (original) The method of claim 9 including the step of applying the pigment to the pad by a silk screening process.
11. (original) The method of claim 9 including the steps of applying the pigment by a flood printing process.